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Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council
The Doroteo Arroyo & Juan Ruberte Scholarship
2026

ELIGIBILITY

Introduction:

- The purpose of this scholarship is to provide educational opportunities to individuals who demonstrate excellence and financial need. These multi-age and multicultural scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled, returning, or planning to enroll part-time, or full-time at a Community College, University or Trade School in the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for the 2026-2027 school year. Scholarships will range between \$250-\$1,000.

Eligibility:

- Students enrolled, returning, or planning to enroll in a community college/university or trade school in the United States who have a current cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants **MUST** be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student during the 2026-2027 school year.
- Must be a resident of Aurora or any town within a 50-mile radius of Aurora.
- The APRCC mission centers on educational equity. We also value and celebrate multicultural representation and we invite any eligible student from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds within our community to apply.

Application Steps:

A **COMPLETE** application must be completed & submitted by **no later than June 1, 2026**

The **COMPLETE** application packet consists of the following:

- Completed **Scholarship Application, Household Information and Scholarship Acceptance Agreement** form.
- **The Personal Statement**
 - (One (1) typed page, 12" Times New Roman/Arial, Single Spaced)
- An **OFFICIAL** high school, community college, or university transcript
- **Letters of Recommendations** must be written as of 2026 and addressed to APRCC
 - High School Graduating Seniors & College/University students require two (2) current letters of recommendation
- Application, Personal Statement, Official Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation must be mailed to APRCC, P.O. Box 2802, Aurora, IL 60507 by **June 1, 2026**
- Upon request, verification of income may be required.

General Instructions:

- Completed applications can be typed or written.
- The personal profile statement should include information about the applicant, the applicant's educational and career plans, and community service involvement.
- Letters of recommendation are to be written by teachers, counselors, employers, or organizations where the applicant has volunteered, that can write about the student's personal character and strengths. **All letters of must have an email and telephone number of the person making the recommendation.**
- **Incomplete Applications will NOT be considered – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Awarded scholarship monies will be issued directly to the eligible student's academic institution by September 30, 2026, and/or upon APRCC receiving proof of enrollment from the student.

APRCC Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 2802 Aurora, IL 60507

For more information, contact Lisa Morales at 630-488-5140
or by email to aprccscholarship@gmail.com

"Celebrating 54 Years of Culture and Heritage in Aurora"



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APPLICATION

Please note all information provided will remain confidential and will not be shared with any other organizations or government agencies.

Please **TYPE** or **WRITE LEGIBLY**

_____		_____	
<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	

<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
_____		_____	
<i>Applicant Phone Number</i>	<i>Applicant Email Address</i>		
_____		_____	
<i>Parent/Guardian Phone Number</i>	<i>Parent/Guardian Email Address</i>		

School Information:

_____		_____	
<i>Current High School/College/University/Trade School</i>		<i>Phone Number</i>	

<i>Cumulative GPA</i>	<i>Name of Current School Counselor/Advisor (if applicable)</i>		
_____		_____	
<i>Anticipated College/University</i>		<i>Area o Study</i>	
_____		_____	
<i>2026-2027 Student</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Part-Time</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<i>Full-time</i>

Community Service Involvement:

Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper for any additional community service work. List most recent first.

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



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HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION FORM

Please note all information provided will remain confidential and will not be shared with any other organizations or government agencies.

Applicant's Name: _____

Spouse's Name (If applicable): _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____ Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Total number of individuals at home in 2025, including applicant: _____

Student Income in 2025: _____

Parent or Guardian Total Income in 2025: _____

Are you of Puerto Rican Decent: _____ If yes, what town is family from in Puerto Rico _____

First generation college student: _____ Yes _____ No

Total number of college students in household during 2026-2027 Academic Year: _____

Have you or a member of your household previously received a scholarship award from the Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council? _____ Yes _____ No. If so, how many times: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

In a separate piece of paper, please provide your personal statement including information regarding your financial need. Your personal statement should be **AT LEAST** 1 page in length and must be **TYPED** in 12" font in Times New Roman or Arial.

**You may choose to highlight how this scholarship will positively impact your education and achieving your goals, along with a description of what these are.*

Falsification of the information provided above will result in termination of any scholarship granted. **Upon request, verification of students/parents/guardian's income must be submitted.**

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

APPLICATION DEADLINE: POSTMARKED BY JUNE 1, 2026 (if mailing)



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THE SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

I, _____, am or have enrolled at
 _____ College/University, for the
 Academic school year of 2026 - 2027.

I hereby understand and agree to the following:

1. The awarded scholarship monies will be issued directly to my school institution for educationally related expenses (tuition, books, materials, supplies, etc.).
2. If for some unexpected reason I am unable to enroll for the academic school year, all money received will need to be returned to the Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council within 10 days.
3. Allow the Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council to send out a news release to local/regional media; use my name and picture for any APRCC scholarship related publicity.
4. I will attend the **2026 Aurora Puerto Rican Festival**, where scholarship recipients will be recognized on **Sunday, July 26, 2026**. If I am unable to attend, I will send a family member to represent me.
5. I understand I am welcome to volunteer during the rest of the festival if I choose to do so and can request further information from the APRCC Board.
6. Falsification of any information provided on the **2026-2027 Scholarship Form** will result in termination of any scholarship granted.
7. I will provide the Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council the address and contact information where my educational institution would prefer to receive scholarship payment.
8. Students must turn in the award acceptance form in order for funds to be sent to any educational institution. This form must be sent via email to aprccscholarship@gmail.com by September 15, 2026.

I hereby accept the scholarship and understand the conditions under which I am receiving this award and agree to all the statements above.

 Signature of Award Recipient

 Date

 Signature of Parent/Guardian

 Date

APPLICANTS, PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**

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Student Checklist

Applicant Final Review – Please use the checklist below as verification that all items have been completed and included in the packet submitted for review.

Required Forms

- Completed Scholarship Application Form
- Completed Household Information Form

Personal Statement

- At Least One (1) Typed Page
- Font Size – 12 Point Font (Times New Roman or Arial)
- Single-Spaced
- Includes Educational Goals, Career Plans, Community Service, and Financial Need

Academic Records

- Official Transcript Included

Letters of Recommendation

- Both Letters Must be Written in 2026
- Both Letters Include Email and Phone Number of Person Writing the Letters

Submission Requirements

- Packet is Addressed and Mailed to: APRCC – P.O. Box 2802 – Aurora, IL 60507
- Postmarked by June 1, 2026